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Subject (in full)

Attached newspaper cutting of the Shanghai Evening Post and Mercury dated November 9, 1934, entitled "Red and White Fiction."

Made by D.I. Kuh Pao-hwa

Forwarded by

*DB Rev*

In compliance with the instructions of D.C.

Special Branch on the attached newspaper cutting, I have to report that Mr. Yui Ding Th, Nanking Political Agent in Shanghai, was duly approached, requesting him to communicate with the local Postal authorities to censor all mails addressed to the Western Workers, San Francisco. On December 5, Mr. Yui informed this office that no mail has so far come to the notice of the Chinese Postal authorities who have promised to co-operate with the Municipal Police in this matter.

In the event of any fresh development, a report will be duly forwarded.

*Kuh Pao-hwa*

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Deputy Commissioner,

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### Red And White Fiction

THERE is probably no single aspect of the contemporary Chinese scene which is more a subject of prevarication and misrepresentation than the so-called "Soviets" and "Red armies" in Kiangsi and other provinces. And there is quite a bit of unwitting fairy tale-telling concerning them, too.

Both the communists and their opponents apparently subscribe to the principle that in warfare all is fair, and this principle is extended to their propaganda efforts. A case in point is the government's decidedly premature announcement weeks ago of the capture of the "Soviet Capital" Juikín.

Fabricated news as a basis for propaganda requires, to be artful if it is to hit the mark aimed at and not rebound, boomerang fashion on its employers. It must bear an air of verisimilitude and not be susceptible of easy disproof.

The Chinese communists are among those who have not yet learned to be artful in their propaganda. Much of their work along these lines is characterized by an art-lessness which would be highly amusing if it were not so utterly stupid.

A report was recently disseminated by the Chinese Workers' Correspondence, a publication of the Chinese Communist Party, dated Shanghai, October 5, and published on October 12 in the Western Worker, San Francisco organ of the American Communist Party. Under a prominent, well-spread heading, this announced the capture of Chungking, important Szechwan river port, by a Red army after a couple of days' fighting.

"And this important city, with its industries its coal mines, is now flying the Red Flag of the Chinese Soviet, sending a chill down the spine of the Imperialists and their Kuomintang lackeys," the report reads.

How anyone's spine could have been chilled by an event which never took place, and which the authors of the report, located, presumably, in Shanghai, must have known had not occurred, remains to be explained.

\$2, Please endeavor to have mail addressed to the Western Worker, San Francisco, checked by the Chinese authorities, and report result.

J.H.G.

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Please ask H. Yui to help.

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